

Library
1966

The Society for the Relief
of the
Destitute Blind

of the
City of New York and Its Vicinity
NINETY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT



HOME: 2641 GRAND CONCOURSE
AT EAST 193rd STREET
BRONX, N. Y. 10468

FOUNDED BY THE REV. EASTBURN BENJAMIN

Incorporated May 19, 1869

OBJECT OF THE SOCIETY (quoted from Certificate of Incorporation, filed May 19th, 1869; amended December 6th, 1950): "That the business and object for which said Society is to be formed, are to afford relief to the Destitute Blind by providing a home for them and as far as it can, procuring work to enable them to earn their own livelihood..."

For 98 years the Society has been immeasurably aided through bequests in its work of helping the needy and friendless blind. No bequest or gift is too small.

FORM OF BEQUEST

I hereby give and bequeath to "THE SOCIETY FOR
THE RELIEF OF THE DESTITUTE BLIND OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK AND ITS VICINITY"
the sum of.....Dollars
for use of said Society.



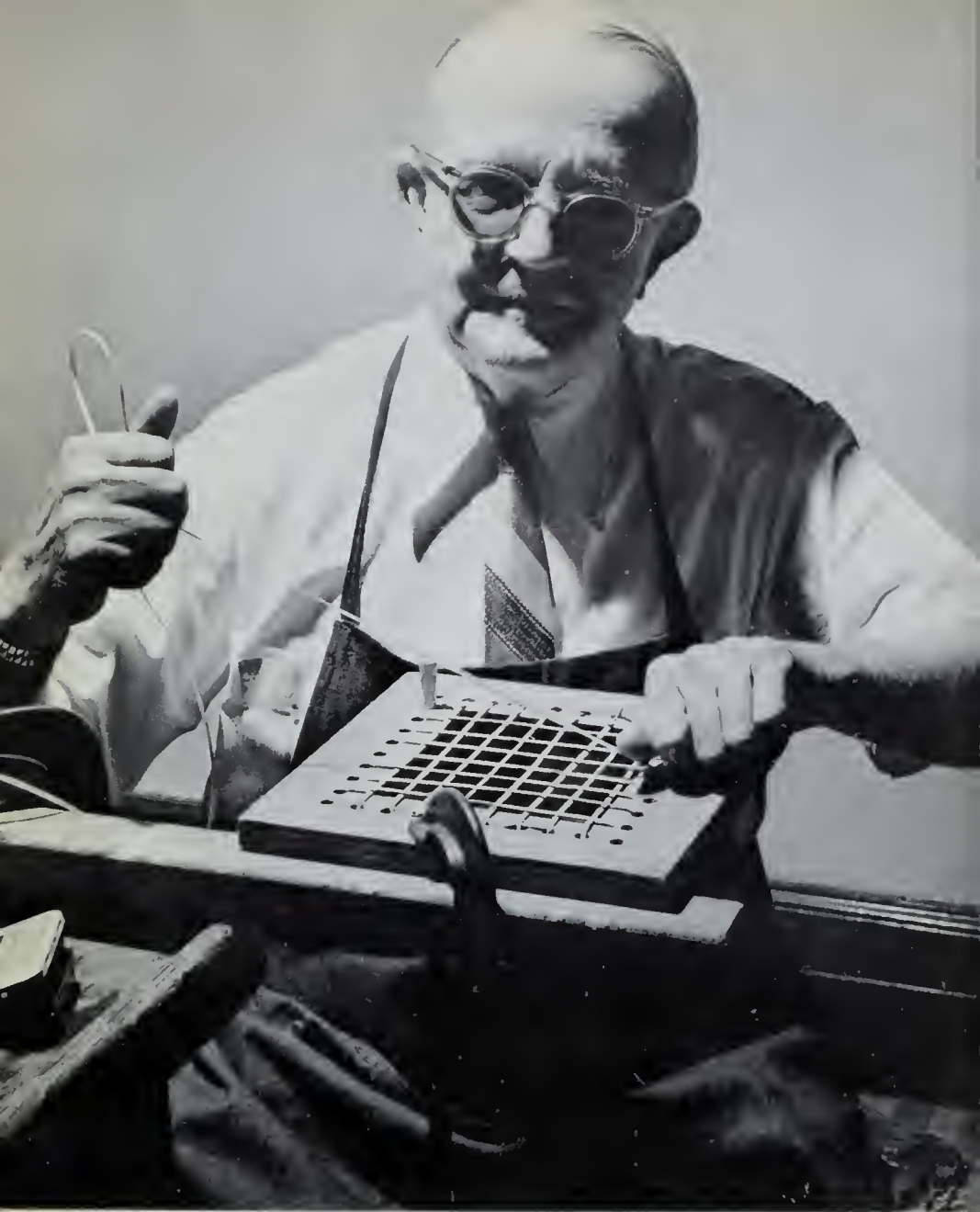
FOREWORD

As we near the rounding out of our first century of operation we remember with gratitude the friends whose gifts and bequests have made it possible for our Society to provide the comfort and security of a Home to many hundreds of sightless men and women.

We hope you will find satisfaction in your own generosity on behalf of our dependent blind residents as you read this brief summary of life at the Home during the past year. We hope, too, that this Report will help you understand what your gifts mean to the blind people who have entrusted their futures to our care.

Upon the completion of the Home's ninety-eighth year, our officers and trustees extend sincere thanks for your interest and support. With the continuing help of our friends, we look forward to many more years of service to blind people of New York City and its vicinity, and, through them, to the community itself.

HENRY PARISH 2nd
President



A first lesson in caning chairs. In this picture a practice board, simulating a chair seat, is used. This resident will soon graduate to work on furniture entrusted to the Home for recaning.

THE HOME IN ITS NINETY-EIGHTH YEAR

The basic services at the Home during the year were continued at their usual high level. As formerly, it was our aim to gear the activities of each individual resident to his age and physical capabilities, in this way providing the kinds of flexible routines that have fulfilled the varying needs of our over-all family of blind people so well in the past.

Within this pattern of proved affectiveness, continuing forward-looking methods were worked out in the routine, so that, day by day, individual needs were recognized and fulfilled. Other evidence of progress will be found below, under *Occupational Therapy*.

Health Care. Our blind people received the best of medical and health care. Our Attending Physician, as always, conducted regular physical check-ups. Serious illnesses are treated and surgery is performed in hospitals, all at the Society's expense.

Occupational Therapy. Our Occupational Therapy program, consisting of handicrafts suited to our individual residents, continued its mission of maintaining contentment and a sense of achievement. Its most recent feature, the production of additional hand-crafted objects, is still growing in interest among our men residents, under the guidance of a skilled instructor.

Food and Shelter. The Home prides itself upon the quality of the meals served. That standard was carefully adhered to during the year. And each resident, as in the past, enjoyed the privacy of a single or double bedroom.

Recreational and Social Activities. Diversified year-round recreational activities, both for individuals and groups of residents, were again a feature of life at the Home. Each bedroom is equipped with a radio—a source of great enjoyment and information to blind people.

Religious Worship. Since the Home is nonsectarian, care is taken to provide opportunities for outside worship in the residents' respective faiths, through the warm co-operation of nearby churches and synagogues, whose members provide transportation to and from places of worship. Records are kept of each blind person's wishes in regard to burial ritual and place of interment.

During the year the Director and Assistant Director of the Home each made her usual effective contribution to the welfare of our blind people. Both were in close touch with the individual residents. The Assistant Director, in particular, devoted most of her time to friendly contacts with them, and added to their contentment and feeling of security through her patient understanding of their needs.

This brief summary of the year's activities would not be complete without a word of warm appreciation to all those, both individuals and organizations, who contributed to our blind people's comfort through volunteer services.

*No charges of any kind are made at the Home,
either for entrance or for lifetime residence.*



A number of our blind residents derive pleasure from literature printed in Braille. Lessons in Braille are available to all who wish them.



Above: A sewing circle in the women's work room.

Below: A musical session in the main recreation room.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Fiscal Year October 1, 1965-September 30, 1966

INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES:

Investments	\$257,181.67
Remittances from Trusts Not Administered by Society	49,410.72
Contributions	39,704.08
Occupational Therapy (Sales and Repair Work)	1,640.95
	<u>\$347,937.42</u>

OPERATING EXPENSES:

Home Management, Housekeeping, Operation of Building	\$ 97,419.09
Provisions, Including Preparation and Service	63,175.93
Fuel, Gas, Electricity	13,473.09
House Supplies	6,654.07
Physician and Nurses	47,994.89
Medical Supplies and Hospital Service	10,202.78
Occupational Therapy	16,259.03
Building Maintenance and Service	62,672.96
Improvements to Building	35,195.71
Fiduciary, Legal, and Auditing Fees	9,499.34
Pensions and Payments to Co-operating Agencies	6,622.50
Insurance	5,079.79
Social Security	9,345.37
Hospitalization Insurance	4,839.51
Public Relations, Fund Raising, and Bequest Cultivation ..	17,213.98
Various	7,363.12
	<u>\$413,011.16</u>
Excess of Operating Expenses over Income	\$ 65,073.74
Depreciation	20,927.70
Total Over-all Deficit	<u>\$ 86,001.44</u>

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1965-66

President

HENRY PARISH, 2ND

Vice-Presidents

PHILIP M. BRETT, JR.

CHARLES S. MCVEIGH, JR.

Treasurer

JOHN BROOKS

Assistant Treasurer

JOHN C. ORR, 2ND

Secretary

EDMUND P. ROGERS, JR.

Finance Committee

O'DONNELL ISELIN

JOHN BROOKS

PHILIP M. BRETT, JR.

A. GIFFORD AGNEW

The President, *Ex Officio*

Auditing Committee

CHARLES S. MCVEIGH, JR.

EDMUND P. ROGERS, JR.

The President, *Ex Officio*

Law Committee

WINTHROP S. EMMET

CHARLES S. MCVEIGH, JR.

EDMUND P. ROGERS, JR.

PERRY D. TRAFFORD, JR.

The President, *Ex Officio*

Executive Committee

JOHN BROOKS, *Chairman*

CHARLES S. MCVEIGH, JR.

EDMUND P. ROGERS, JR.

PHILIP M. BRETT, JR.

JOHN C. ORR, 2ND

WINTHROP S. EMMET

A. GIFFORD AGNEW

The President, *Ex Officio*

Attorneys

GIFFORD, WOODY, CARTER AND HAYS

Trustees

A. GIFFORD AGNEW	122 E. 42nd St., N. Y. City
PHILIP M. BRETT, JR.	120 Broadway, N. Y. City
JOHN BROOKS	277 Park Ave., N. Y. City
GEORGE CRAWFORD	7 East 42nd St., N. Y. City
WINTHROP S. EMMET	215 E. 73rd St., N. Y. City
O'DONNELL ISELIN	40 Wall St., N. Y. City
CHARLES S. McVEIGH, JR.	300 Park Ave., N. Y. City
JOHN C. ORR, 2ND	277 Park Ave., N. Y. City
HENRY PARISH, 2ND..	42 Wall St., N. Y. City
EDMUND P. ROGERS, JR.	25 Broadway, N. Y. City
PERRY D. TRAFFORD, JR.	74 Trinity Place, N. Y. City

PAST OFFICERS

Presidents

REV. EASTBURN BENJAMIN	1868-1874
REV. J. J. ROBERTS	1874-1884
CHARLES H. LELAND	1884-1890
EDWIN S. COLES	1890-1896
HON. HENRY E. HOWLAND	1896-1913
WILLIAM FOULKE	1913-1920
LEWIS SPENCER MORRIS	1920-1944
STEPHEN C. CLARK	1945-1950
GEORGE CRAWFORD	1950-1953
HENRY PARISH, 2ND	1953-

Vice-Presidents

REV. DR. W. A. McVICKAR	1871-1873
REV. DR. C. B. WYATT	1871-1872
REV. DR. C. E. SWOPE	1872-1873
D. LYDIG SUYDAM	1873-1878
G. W. T. LORD	1873-1874
	1878-1881
N. P. HOSACK	1874-1878
TOWNSEND COX	1878-1883
F. H. WEEKS	1881-1886
B. F. CORLIES	1883-1886
W. W. CULVER	1886-1892
E. S. COLES	1889-1891
J. McCARTER	1891-1893
H. MANUEL	1892-1894
HON. H. E. HOWLAND	1893-1896
LYMAN RHOADES	1894-1907
MAJ. GEN. C. F. ROE	1896-1913
ARCHIBALD D. RUSSELL	1907-1913
FREDERIC DEP. FOSTER	1903-1929
HOWLAND PELL	1913-1928
STEPHEN C. CLARK	1929-1944
EDMUND P. ROGERS	1928-1948
LUCIUS WILMERDING	1945-1949
O'DONNELL ISELIN	1948-1950
	1956-1959
WALTER N. STILLMAN	1949-1956
HENRY PARISH, 2ND	1950-1953
CHARLES S. McVEIGH, JR.	1953-
LAWRASON RIGGS	1959-1963

Secretaries

EDWIN S. COLES	1871-1891
JAMES McCARTER	1891-1893
HENRY J. CAMMANN	1893-1903
C. A. SCHERMERHORN	1903-1914
CHARLES C. BULL	1914-1924
LAWRASON RIGGS	1924-1950
CHARLES S. McVEIGH, JR.	1950-1953
EDMUND P. ROGERS, JR.	1953-

Treasurers

HORACE MANUEL	1871-1896
HENRY C. SWORDS	1896-1914
LEWIS SPENCER MORRIS	1914-1917
	1919-1920
FREDERIC F. DE RHAM	1917-1919
	1920-1931
	1935-1938
H. PENDLETON ROGERS	1931-1935
JOHN BROOKS	1938-

Assistant Treasurer

JOHN C. ORR, 2ND	1955-
------------------------	-------

MANAGEMENT OF THE HOME

MRS. MILDRED B. SCHOLEFIELD	<i>Director</i> (FOrdham 7-2085)
MISS JESSIE GIBB	<i>Assistant Director</i>
MRS. LUCY KNARR	<i>Occupational Therapy Supervisor</i>
MRS. MARGUERITE DOLL	<i>Nurse in Charge</i>



Attending Physician

HERBERT B. WILCOX, JR., M.D.

The Attending Physician is on the staff of Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center and whenever necessary calls upon specialists from the Medical Center staff for consultation.



Visitor

THE RT. REV. HORACE W. B. DONEGAN, D.D., S.T.D.

THE BISHOP OF NEW YORK



Chaplains

REV. HARRY R. COLEMAN

REV. LAWRENCE B. LARSEN

Have you thought of remembering our Society in your will?

FORM OF BEQUEST

I hereby give and bequeath to "THE SOCIETY FOR
THE RELIEF OF THE DESTITUTE BLIND OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK AND ITS VICINITY"
the sum of.....Dollars
for use of said Society.

Visitors to the Home Are Always Welcome

